AN ACT relating to coverage for breast cancer.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

3 → Section 1. KRS 304.17-316 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The term "mammogram" shall mean an X-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including, but not limited to, 5 6 the X-ray tube, filter, compression device, screens, film, and cassettes, with two (2) 7 views of each breast and with an average radiation exposure at the current 8 recommended level as set forth in guidelines of the American College of Radiology, 9 and digital mammography including breast tomosynthesis. The term "breast tomosynthesis" means a radiologic procedure that involves the acquisition of 10 11 projection images over the stationary breast to produce cross-sectional digital three-12 dimensional images of the breast.
 - (a) All finsurers issuing individual health insurance policies issued in this Commonwealth that provide coverage [on an expense incurred basis] for hospital, medical, or surgical services for a mastectomy and that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act October 15, 1990], shall [also] provide coverage for:
 - (a) Annual breast cancer screenings, including but not limited to mammograms, [low-dose mammography screening] for persons thirty-five (35) years of age or older who have no sign or symptom of breast cancer fand when performed on dedicated equipment which meets the guidelines established by the American College of Radiology and Jupon self-referral or on referral by a health care practitioner acting within the scope of the practitioner's licensure. [The coverage shall make available one (1) screening mammogram to persons age thirty-five (35) through thirty-nine (39); one (1) mammogram every two (2) years for persons ages forty (40) through fortynine (49); and one (1) mammogram per year for a person fifty (50) years of

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	age and over	and may	be limited	t o a be n	efit of fifty	dollars ((\$50)	-per
	screening mam	mogram.]	Any deducti	bles and	coinsurance	e factors sl	nall b	e no
	less favorable t	han for co	verage for ph	ysical ill	ness general	lly <u>; <i>and</i>[.]</u>		
(b)	[All insurers	issuing	individual	health	insurance	policies	in	this

Commonwealth that provide coverage on an expense incurred basis for surgical services for a mastectomy and that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed on or after July 14, 2000, shall also provide coverage for JMammograms[, performed on dedicated equipment that meets the guidelines established by the American College of Radiology,] for any covered person, regardless of age, who has been diagnosed with breast disease upon referral by a health care practitioner acting within the scope of the practitioner's licensure. The coverage provided under this paragraph shall be subject to the same annual deductibles or coinsurance established for other coverages within the policy.

(3) <u>Mammogram coverage required under this section shall be limited to mammograms performed:</u>[The mammogram shall be performed]

(a) By a <u>radiographer licensed under KRS Chapter 311B</u>[Kentucky State Certified General Certificate Radiographer] or <u>a radiographer certified by the</u>[an] American Registry of Radiologic <u>Technologists</u>[Technology Registered Radiographer], interpreted by a qualified radiologist, and performed under the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and certified by the American Board of Radiology. The facility performing the examination and the health care practitioner who ordered it shall follow federal laws relating to the notification of mammography exam results and maintaining medical records:

(4) Effective July 15, 1990, any facility in which mammograms are performed for reimbursement under this section, KRS 304.18-098, 304.32-1591, or 304.38-

1		1935 shall meet]
2		(b) In a facility that meets current criteria of the American College of Radiology
3		Mammography Accreditation Program: and
4		(c) On equipment allocated exclusively for the purpose of performing
5		mammograms that meets the guidelines established by the American
6		College of Radiology.
7		→ Section 2. KRS 304.17A-133 is amended to read as follows:
8	<u>(1)</u>	Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all [insurers issuing] health
9		benefit plans <u>issued</u> in this Commonwealth [that provide coverage for surgical
10		services for a mastectomy and]that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or
11		renewed on or after the effective date of this Act[July 14, 2000], shall [also
12] provide <u>the</u> coverage <u>set forth in</u> [for mammograms under] KRS 304.17-316.[The
13		coverage shall meet the standards set forth in KRS 304.17-316.]
14	<u>(2)</u>	The coverage required under this section:
15		(a) Shall not be subject to copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or any other
16		cost-sharing requirements; and
17		(b) Shall be provided regardless of whether the health benefit plan provides
18		coverage for hospital, medical, or surgical services for a mastectomy.
19		→ Section 3. KRS 304.17A-096 is amended to read as follows:
20	(1)	An insurer authorized to engage in the business of insurance in the Commonwealth
21		of Kentucky may offer one (1) or more basic health benefit plans in the individual,
22		small group, and employer-organized association markets. A basic health benefit
23		plan shall cover physician, pharmacy, home health, preventive, emergency, and
24		inpatient and outpatient hospital services in accordance with the requirements of
25		this subtitle. If vision or eye services are offered, these services may be provided by
26		an ophthalmologist or optometrist.
27	(2)	An insurer that offers a basic health benefit plan shall be required to offer health

l benefit	plans as defined	in KRS 304.17A-	005f(22)1

- 2 An insurer in the individual, small group, or employer-organized association 3 markets that offers a basic health benefit plan may offer a basic health benefit plan 4 that excludes from coverage any state-mandated health insurance benefit, except 5 that the basic health benefit plan shall include coverage for diabetes as provided in 6 KRS 304.17A-148, hospice as provided in KRS 304.17A-250(6), chiropractic 7 benefits as provided in KRS 304.17A-171, breast cancer coverage, including but 8 not limited to mammograms, as provided in KRS 304.17A-133, and [those 9 mandated | benefits specified under federal law.
- 10 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, mandated benefits excluded 11 from coverage shall not be deemed to include the payment, indemnity, or 12 reimbursement of specified health care providers for specific health care services.
- → Section 4. KRS 304.18-098 is amended to read as follows:
- Except for health benefit plans subject to the requirements of Section 2 of this Act, all [insurers issuing] group or blanket health insurance policies and certificates issued in this Commonwealth [that provide coverage on an expense-incurred basis for surgical services for a mastectomy and] that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act[October 15, 1990], shall [also] provide the coverage set forth in[for mammograms under] KRS 304.17-316.[The coverage shall meet the standards set forth in KRS 304.17-316.]
- → Section 5. KRS 304.32-1591 is amended to read as follows:
- All nonprofit hospital, medical-surgical, dental, and health service corporations issuing contracts in this Commonwealth [that provide hospital, medical, or surgical expense benefits for a mastectomy and]that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act[October 15, 1990], shall [also] provide the coverage set forth in Section 2 of this Act[for mammograms under KRS 304.17-
- 20 <u>ine</u> coverage <u>set forth in Section 2 of this Actiffor maininograms under KRS 304.17</u>
- 27 316]. [The coverage shall meet the standards set forth in KRS 304.17-316.]

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- → Section 6. KRS 304.38-1935 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Health maintenance organizations issuing contracts in this Commonwealth [that provide
- 3 hospital, medical, or surgical expense benefits for surgical services for a mastectomy and
- 4 Ithat are delivered, issued for delivery, amended, or renewed on or after *the effective date*
- 5 of this Act[October 15, 1990], shall [also] provide the coverage set forth in Section 2 of
- 6 <u>this Act</u> for mammograms under KRS 304.17-316. The coverage shall meet the minimum
- 7 standards set forth in KRS 304.17-316].

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- 8 → Section 7. KRS 18A.225 is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (1) (a) The term "employee" for purposes of this section means:
 - Any person, including an elected public official, who is regularly employed by any department, office, board, agency, or branch of state government; or by a public postsecondary educational institution; or by any city, urban-county, charter county, county, or consolidated local government, whose legislative body has opted to participate in the statesponsored health insurance program pursuant to KRS 79.080; and who is either a contributing member to any one (1) of the retirement systems administered by the state, including but not limited to the Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Legislators' Retirement Plan, or the Judicial Retirement Plan; or is receiving a contractual contribution from the state toward a retirement plan; or, in the case of a public postsecondary education institution, is an individual participating in an optional retirement plan authorized by KRS 161.567; or is eligible to participate in a retirement plan established by an employer who ceases participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System pursuant to KRS 61.522 whose employees participated in the health insurance plans administered by the Personnel Cabinet prior to the employer's effective cessation date in the

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1			Kentucky Employees Retirement System;
2			2. Any certified or classified employee of a local board of education;
3			3. Any elected member of a local board of education;
4			4. Any person who is a present or future recipient of a retirement
5			allowance from the Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers'
6			Retirement System, the Legislators' Retirement Plan, the Judicial
7			Retirement Plan, or the Kentucky Community and Technical College
8			System's optional retirement plan authorized by KRS 161.567, except
9			that a person who is receiving a retirement allowance and who is age
10			sixty-five (65) or older shall not be included, with the exception of
11			persons covered under KRS 61.702(4)(c), unless he or she is actively
12			employed pursuant to subparagraph 1. of this paragraph; and
13			5. Any eligible dependents and beneficiaries of participating employees
14			and retirees who are entitled to participate in the state-sponsored health
15			insurance program;
16		(b)	The term "health benefit plan" for the purposes of this section means a health
17			benefit plan as defined in KRS 304.17A-005;
18		(c)	The term "insurer" for the purposes of this section means an insurer as defined
19			in KRS 304.17A-005; and
20		(d)	The term "managed care plan" for the purposes of this section means a
21			managed care plan as defined in KRS 304.17A-500.
22	(2)	(a)	The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, upon the
23			recommendation of the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet, shall procure, in
24			compliance with the provisions of KRS 45A.080, 45A.085, and 45A.090,
25			from one (1) or more insurers authorized to do business in this state, a group
26			health benefit plan that may include but not be limited to health maintenance
27			organization (HMO), preferred provider organization (PPO), point of service

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(POS), and exclusive provider organization (EPO) benefit plans encompassing all or any class or classes of employees. With the exception of employers governed by the provisions of KRS Chapters 16, 18A, and 151B, all employers of any class of employees or former employees shall enter into a contract with the Personnel Cabinet prior to including that group in the state health insurance group. The contracts shall include but not be limited to designating the entity responsible for filing any federal forms, adoption of policies required for proper plan administration, acceptance of the contractual provisions with health insurance carriers or third-party administrators, and adoption of the payment and reimbursement methods necessary for efficient administration of the health insurance program. Health insurance coverage provided to state employees under this section shall, at a minimum, contain the same benefits as provided under Kentucky Kare Standard as of January 1, 1994, and shall include a mail-order drug option as provided in subsection (13) of this section. All employees and other persons for whom the health care coverage is provided or made available shall annually be given an option to elect health care coverage through a self-funded plan offered by the Commonwealth or, if a self-funded plan is not available, from a list of coverage options determined by the competitive bid process under the provisions of KRS 45A.080, 45A.085, and 45A.090 and made available during annual open enrollment.

- (b) The policy or policies shall be approved by the commissioner of insurance and may contain the provisions the commissioner of insurance approves, whether or not otherwise permitted by the insurance laws.
- (c) Any carrier bidding to offer health care coverage to employees shall agree to provide coverage to all members of the state group, including active employees and retirees and their eligible covered dependents and

beneficiaries, within the county or counties specified in its bid. Except as provided in subsection (20) of this section, any carrier bidding to offer health care coverage to employees shall also agree to rate all employees as a single entity, except for those retirees whose former employers insure their active employees outside the state-sponsored health insurance program.

- (d) Any carrier bidding to offer health care coverage to employees shall agree to provide enrollment, claims, and utilization data to the Commonwealth in a format specified by the Personnel Cabinet with the understanding that the data shall be owned by the Commonwealth; to provide data in an electronic form and within a time frame specified by the Personnel Cabinet; and to be subject to penalties for noncompliance with data reporting requirements as specified by the Personnel Cabinet. The Personnel Cabinet shall take strict precautions to protect the confidentiality of each individual employee; however, confidentiality assertions shall not relieve a carrier from the requirement of providing stipulated data to the Commonwealth.
- (e) The Personnel Cabinet shall develop the necessary techniques and capabilities for timely analysis of data received from carriers and, to the extent possible, provide in the request-for-proposal specifics relating to data requirements, electronic reporting, and penalties for noncompliance. The Commonwealth shall own the enrollment, claims, and utilization data provided by each carrier and shall develop methods to protect the confidentiality of the individual. The Personnel Cabinet shall include in the October annual report submitted pursuant to the provisions of KRS 18A.226 to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, an analysis of the financial stability of the program, which shall include but not be limited to loss ratios, methods of risk adjustment, measurements of carrier quality of service, prescription coverage and cost management, and statutorily required

1			mandates. If state self-insurance was available as a carrier option, the report
2			also shall provide a detailed financial analysis of the self-insurance fund
3			including but not limited to loss ratios, reserves, and reinsurance agreements.
4		(f)	If any agency participating in the state-sponsored employee health insurance
5			program for its active employees terminates participation and there is a state
6			appropriation for the employer's contribution for active employees' health
7			insurance coverage, then neither the agency nor the employees shall receive
8			the state-funded contribution after termination from the state-sponsored
9			employee health insurance program.
10		(g)	Any funds in flexible spending accounts that remain after all reimbursements
11			have been processed shall be transferred to the credit of the state-sponsored
12			health insurance plan's appropriation account.
13		(h)	Each entity participating in the state-sponsored health insurance program shall
14			provide an amount at least equal to the state contribution rate for the employer
15			portion of the health insurance premium. For any participating entity that used
16			the state payroll system, the employer contribution amount shall be equal to
17			but not greater than the state contribution rate.
18	(3)	The	premiums may be paid by the policyholder:
19		(a)	Wholly from funds contributed by the employee, by payroll deduction or
20			otherwise;
21		(b)	Wholly from funds contributed by any department, board, agency, public
22			postsecondary education institution, or branch of state, city, urban-county,
23			charter county, county, or consolidated local government; or
24		(c)	Partly from each, except that any premium due for health care coverage or

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dental coverage, if any, in excess of the premium amount contributed by any

department, board, agency, postsecondary education institution, or branch of

state, city, urban-county, charter county, county, or consolidated local

government for any other health care coverage shall be paid by the employee.

2 (4) If an employee moves his place of residence or employment out of the service area 3 of an insurer offering a managed health care plan, under which he has elected 4 coverage, into either the service area of another managed health care plan or into an 5 area of the Commonwealth not within a managed health care plan service area, the 6 employee shall be given an option, at the time of the move or transfer, to change his 7 or her coverage to another health benefit plan.

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- (5) No payment of premium by any department, board, agency, public postsecondary educational institution, or branch of state, city, urban-county, charter county, county, or consolidated local government shall constitute compensation to an insured employee for the purposes of any statute fixing or limiting the compensation of such an employee. Any premium or other expense incurred by any department, board, agency, public postsecondary educational institution, or branch of state, city, urban-county, charter county, county, or consolidated local government shall be considered a proper cost of administration.
- 16 (6) The policy or policies may contain the provisions with respect to the class or classes
 17 of employees covered, amounts of insurance or coverage for designated classes or
 18 groups of employees, policy options, terms of eligibility, and continuation of
 19 insurance or coverage after retirement.
- 20 (7) Group rates under this section shall be made available to the disabled child of an employee regardless of the child's age if the entire premium for the disabled child's coverage is paid by the state employee. A child shall be considered disabled if he has been determined to be eligible for federal Social Security disability benefits.
- 24 (8) The health care contract or contracts for employees shall be entered into for a period of not less than one (1) year.
- 26 (9) The secretary shall appoint thirty-two (32) persons to an Advisory Committee of 27 State Health Insurance Subscribers to advise the secretary or his designee regarding

the state-sponsored health insurance program for employees. The secretary shall appoint, from a list of names submitted by appointing authorities, members representing school districts from each of the seven (7) Supreme Court districts, members representing state government from each of the seven (7) Supreme Court districts, two (2) members representing retirees under age sixty-five (65), one (1) member representing local health departments, two (2) members representing the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, and three (3) members at large. The secretary shall also appoint two (2) members from a list of five (5) names submitted by the Kentucky Education Association, two (2) members from a list of five (5) names submitted by the largest state employee organization of nonschool state employees, two (2) members from a list of five (5) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of Counties, two (2) members from a list of five (5) names submitted by the Kentucky League of Cities, and two (2) members from a list of names consisting of five (5) names submitted by each state employee organization that has two thousand (2,000) or more members on state payroll deduction. The advisory committee shall be appointed in January of each year and shall meet quarterly.

(10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the policy or policies provided to employees pursuant to this section shall not provide coverage for obtaining or performing an abortion, nor shall any state funds be used for the purpose of obtaining or performing an abortion on behalf of employees or their dependents.

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(11) Interruption of an established treatment regime with maintenance drugs shall be grounds for an insured to appeal a formulary change through the established appeal procedures approved by the Department of Insurance, if the physician supervising the treatment certifies that the change is not in the best interests of the patient.

27 (12) Any employee who is eligible for and elects to participate in the state health

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insurance program as a retiree, or the spouse or beneficiary of a retiree, under any
one (1) of the state-sponsored retirement systems shall not be eligible to receive the
state health insurance contribution toward health care coverage as a result of any
other employment for which there is a public employer contribution. This does not
preclude a retiree and an active employee spouse from using both contributions to
the extent needed for purchase of one (1) state sponsored health insurance policy for
that plan year.

- 8 (13) (a) The policies of health insurance coverage procured under subsection (2) of
 9 this section shall include a mail-order drug option for maintenance drugs for
 10 state employees. Maintenance drugs may be dispensed by mail order in
 11 accordance with Kentucky law.
 - (b) A health insurer shall not discriminate against any retail pharmacy located within the geographic coverage area of the health benefit plan and that meets the terms and conditions for participation established by the insurer, including price, dispensing fee, and copay requirements of a mail-order option. The retail pharmacy shall not be required to dispense by mail.
 - (c) The mail-order option shall not permit the dispensing of a controlled substance classified in Schedule II.
- 19 (14) The policy or policies provided to state employees or their dependents pursuant to
 20 this section shall provide coverage for obtaining a hearing aid and acquiring hearing
 21 aid-related services for insured individuals under eighteen (18) years of age, subject
 22 to a cap of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) every thirty-six (36) months
 23 pursuant to KRS 304.17A-132.
- 24 (15) Any policy provided to state employees or their dependents pursuant to this section 25 shall provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders 26 consistent with KRS 304.17A-142.
- 27 (16) Any policy provided to state employees or their dependents pursuant to this section

1	shall provide coverage for	or obtaining	amino	acid-based	elemental	formula	pursuant
2	to KRS 304.17A-258.						

3 (17) If a state employee's residence and place of employment are in the same county, and
4 if the hospital located within that county does not offer surgical services, intensive
5 care services, obstetrical services, level II neonatal services, diagnostic cardiac
6 catheterization services, and magnetic resonance imaging services, the employee
7 may select a plan available in a contiguous county that does provide those services,
8 and the state contribution for the plan shall be the amount available in the county
9 where the plan selected is located.

- (18) If a state employee's residence and place of employment are each located in counties in which the hospitals do not offer surgical services, intensive care services, obstetrical services, level II neonatal services, diagnostic cardiac catheterization services, and magnetic resonance imaging services, the employee may select a plan available in a county contiguous to the county of residence that does provide those services, and the state contribution for the plan shall be the amount available in the county where the plan selected is located.
- (19) The Personnel Cabinet is encouraged to study whether it is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the state group to allow any carrier bidding to offer health care coverage under this section to submit bids that may vary county by county or by larger geographic areas.
- (20) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the bid for proposals for health insurance coverage for calendar year 2004 shall include a bid scenario that reflects the statewide rating structure provided in calendar year 2003 and a bid scenario that allows for a regional rating structure that allows carriers to submit bids that may vary by region for a given product offering as described in this subsection:
 - (a) The regional rating bid scenario shall not include a request for bid on a statewide option;

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1		(b)	The Personnel Cabinet shall divide the state into geographical regions which
2			shall be the same as the partnership regions designated by the Department for
3			Medicaid Services for purposes of the Kentucky Health Care Partnership
4			Program established pursuant to 907 KAR 1:705;
5		(c)	The request for proposal shall require a carrier's bid to include every county
6			within the region or regions for which the bid is submitted and include but not
7			be restricted to a preferred provider organization (PPO) option;
8		(d)	If the Personnel Cabinet accepts a carrier's bid, the cabinet shall award the
9			carrier all of the counties included in its bid within the region. If the Personnel
10			Cabinet deems the bids submitted in accordance with this subsection to be in
11			the best interests of state employees in a region, the cabinet may award the
12			contract for that region to no more than two (2) carriers; and
13		(e)	Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the Personnel Cabinet from including
14			other requirements or criteria in the request for proposal.
15	(21)	Any	fully insured health benefit plan or self-insured plan issued or renewed on or
16		after	July 12, 2006, to public employees pursuant to this section which provides
17		cove	rage for services rendered by a physician or osteopath duly licensed under KRS
18		Chap	oter 311 that are within the scope of practice of an optometrist duly licensed
19		unde	r the provisions of KRS Chapter 320 shall provide the same payment of
20		cove	rage to optometrists as allowed for those services rendered by physicians or
21		osteo	ppaths.
22	(22)	Any	fully insured health benefit plan or self-insured plan issued or renewed on or
23		after	the effective date of this Act [July 12, 2006], to public employees pursuant to
24		this	section shall comply with: the provisions of KRS 304.17A-270 and 304.17A-
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26		<u>(a)</u>	Section 2 of this Act;
27		(b)	KRS 304.17A-270 and 304.17A-525:

I	(c) KRS 304.17A-600 to 304.17A-633;
2	(d) KRS 205.593;
3	(e) KRS 304.17A-700 to 304.17A-730;
4	(f) KRS 304.14-135;
5	(g) KRS 304.17A-580 and 304.17A-641;
6	(h) KRS 304.99-123;
7	(i) KRS 304.17A-138; and
8	(j) Administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to statutes listed in this
9	subsection.
10	[(23) Any fully insured health benefit plan or self insured plan issued or renewed on or
11	after July 12, 2006, to public employees shall comply with KRS 304.17A 600 to
12	304.17A 633 pertaining to utilization review, KRS 205.593 and 304.17A 700 to
13	304.17A-730 pertaining to payment of claims, KRS 304.14-135 pertaining to
14	uniform health insurance claim forms, KRS 304.17A-580 and 304.17A-641
15	pertaining to emergency medical care, KRS 304.99-123, and any administrative
16	regulations promulgated thereunder.
17	(24) Any fully insured health benefit plan or self-insured plan issued or renewed on or
18	after July 1, 2019, to public employees pursuant to this section shall comply with
19	KRS 304.17A-138.]
20	→ Section 8. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2021.